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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and ABELL STE	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) 1700 LINC 1800	(Month/I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2012				(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DENVER,	CO 80203						Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Perivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							84,738	I	By revocable trust	
Common Stock	05/18/2012		A	37,308 (1)	A	\$0	135,171	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Lacicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

BELL STEPHEN P 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203

Sr VP

Signatures

Thomas A. Richardson, attorney in fact

05/18/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents a performance award of restricted stock that is subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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